

CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES **(HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND YOUTH- LOCATION-MOUNTAIN OFFICE)**

PUBLIC HEALTH DIETITIAN – PT

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

Under the supervision of the Program Manager, implements and evaluates community based nutrition education programs according to the specific needs of the community. Delivers the nutrition component of selected Public Health Services programs. Provides food and nutrition information and advisory service to the public via mass media, community presentations, promotion campaigns and telephone consultation. Provides nutrition, food systems and food service consultation to local professionals, agencies and groups in health, education, social/community services.

GENERAL DUTIES

Develops, implements and evaluates community based nutrition education programs targeted at specific needs identified in the community.

Provides nutrition education, information and advice to the community.

Provides direct services such as group teaching, nutrition and health promotion counselling, education, consultation, planning and evaluation. This includes teaching for families, children, teens, and various community groups and agencies, as well as providing continuing education for Public Health Nurses, allied health professionals and community partners. The employee selects, plans, prepares and evaluates teaching aides and materials that will disseminate nutrition and diet information to professional and non-professional audiences through various media.

Selects and develops nutrition education resource materials for specialized community nutrition programs.

Establishes liaison with the media and interprets and conveys current scientific information regarding food, nutrition, diet and health through mass media and social media.

Collaborates and co-ordinates community nutrition projects with other Dietitians and community groups to meet the needs of specific community groups.

Participates in community nutrition research studies and promotes the utilization of appropriate findings.

Provides nutrition consultation to Public Health Services staff and other local professionals, agencies and groups in health, education, social services and recreation.

Provides nutrition and food service consultation to collective living centres, childcare centres and other centres where meals are provided.

Provides nutrition information to clients and families and makes referrals to other community services as appropriate.

Oversees the work of trained volunteers in community group settings.

Participates in the education of dietetic interns and undergraduate nutrition, medical and nursing students.

Maintains professional competence through participation in professional development/continuing education programs.

Performs other duties as assigned which are directly related to the major responsibilities of the job.

Works in accordance with the provisions of applicable Health and Safety legislation and all City of Hamilton corporate and departmental policies and procedures related to Occupational Health and Safety.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Demonstrated experience in nutrition education programs normally acquired by obtaining a Baccalaureate degree in foods and nutrition or equivalent program from a recognized University.
2. Must qualify for registration with the College of Dietitians of Ontario.
3. Successful completion of a dietetic internship approved by the College of Dietitians of Ontario or equivalent.
4. Previous responsible professional experience in nutrition in a Public Health agency preferred.
5. Excellent verbal and written communication skills, good interpersonal, communication and counselling skills.
6. Must be able to work well in a multicultural environment and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
7. Demonstrated experience/knowledge of program and resource development, evidence informed decision making and program evaluation. Must have strong general computer skills.
8. Must have access to a vehicle and possess and maintain a valid class G driver's licence.

NOTE:

The successful candidate will be required to provide immunization records, which may include TB testing prior to the start of employment to meet the requirements of the Staff Immunization and Surveillance Policy and Procedure.

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